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President's Message

Inland held a joint conference with the Northeastern Nebraska Bird Banders in Norfolk, Nebraska on the last three days of October, 1982. This meeting marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of IBBA and the 5th of NNBB, which acted as host to the meeting. Special thanks are due to the members and friends who helped make this meeting a success. The local arrangements committee did an exceptional job in planning to assure a smooth and informative paper session and a selection of early morning trips.

Nebraska is an exceptionally interesting part of the world. One can see bits of prairie and an incredible abundance of bird life. The DeSoto Wildlife Refuge provided views of migrating waterfowl. Buteos were common in the countryside. Magpies and Harris' Sparrows were features of early morning field trips. A personal treat for me was a close look at a Baird's Sparrow.

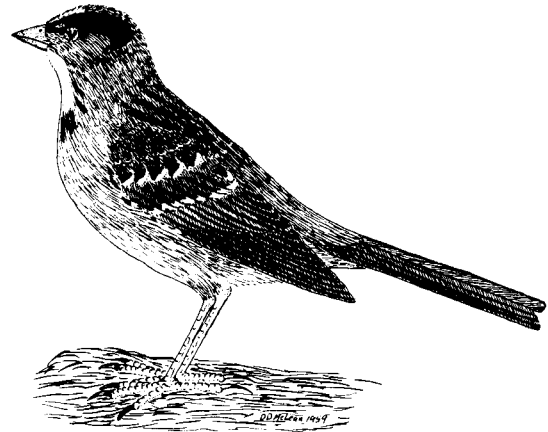
Banders seem to enjoy nothing more than passing a bird around, looking over another bander's equipment, and talking about various banding techniques. There was ample opportunity for exchange and sharing of ideas. Jane Dunlap and Phyllis Walker provided an abundance of Harris' Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, and Dark-eyed Juncos to examine at Jane's banding station.

The 1983 IBBA meeting will be held in October in Platteville, in southeastern Wisconsin, hosted by the Eagle Valley Environmentalists. Invitations for meeting sites for other years will be welcome.

Now that the fall migration is about over, we will probably close the nets for the last time and concentrate

on winter trapping. We have a lot of data to assemble and examine. There are a few ideas for short papers for the *North American Bird Bander* that must be put down and polished. There is hope that there will be an invasion of winter finches, giving us the opportunity to collect some systematic data. We hope you have the chance to do the same.

Don Beimborn



Student awards

IBBA has awarded 6 Willetta Lueshen Student Memberships for 1983. Because of a generous donation by the Michigan Bird Banding Association, it is anticipated that several awards also will be available for 1984.

Recipients are graduate students Craig Thompson, University of Wyoming; Kim Rainey, University of Mississippi; Brian Toland, University of Missouri-Columbia; David Blockstein, University of Minnesota; and undergraduate students Gene Stout, Ball State University; and Robert Collins, Peru State College.

Additional details of these awards can be found in the *Inland Bird Banding Newsletter*, Vol 4, No. 4.

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